

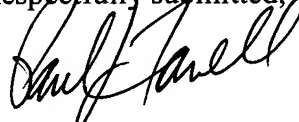
REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has allowed Claims 1-5. It is also gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has objected to Claims 7 and 9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has rejected Claims 6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Khalil et al. (U.S. Patent 6,578,085).

Please amend Claims 6-9 as set forth herein. All of these claims have been amended to depend, directly or indirectly, from allowed Claim 1, leaving only allowed Claim 1 in independent form.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-9, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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